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Skywatching Returns In Person with Movie & Meteors

Experience Perseids Meteor Shower, Free Screening of "Apollo 13" on August 13

Gaithersburg, MD (June 23, 2021) The Gaithersburg Community Museum invites you to its first live Skywatching program of the year, [Movie & Meteors](#), on Friday, August 13, 2021, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Observatory Park, 100 DeSellum Avenue. Enjoy a free screening of the 1995 space docudrama, "Apollo 13," on a large inflatable screen, keeping everyone awake until the start of the Perseids Meteor Shower. All ages are invited to join.

This year the waxing crescent moon will set early in the evening, providing dark skies that should optimize viewing. No special equipment is necessary to see the meteors. Please do not bring a bright flashlight as it is intrusive to watchers, and please adjust the brightness on your electronic devices.

Feel free to bring a blanket or folding chair for your comfort and snacks to enjoy during the movie. Portable bathrooms will be available. There is no running water in the park. Please note this event may be cancelled or modified due to inclement or cloudy weather. Visit www.facebook.com/GaithersburgCommunityMuseum for updates and last-minute announcements.

Limited accessible parking is available at Observatory Park. Field parking is available approximately two blocks away, at the corner of Rt. 355 and DeSellum Avenue.

[Observatory Park](#) is home to the [Gaithersburg International Latitude Observatory](#). Operating from 1899 to 1982, the Observatory was one of six worldwide that measured the wobble of the earth on its polar axis leading to improved navigation and scientific discovery. This outdoor interpretive space highlights the importance of the scientific work conducted here for nearly a century.

The Gaithersburg Community Museum's programs are funded in part by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC). To discover more about MSAC grants and how they impact Maryland's arts sector, visit www.msac.org.

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